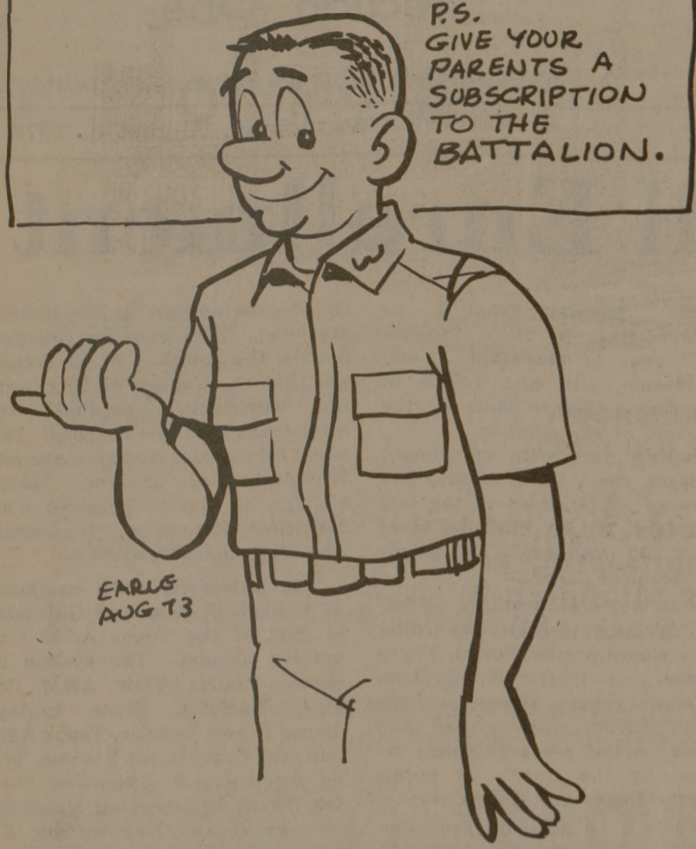


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'Sallie Mae' Aids Education

Higher education in Texas received a boost Tuesday with the announcement in Dallas of a proposed offering of common stock of the Student Loan Marketing Association ("Sallie Mae"). Sallie Mae is a government-sponsored private corporation created to help channel additional funds into the student loan market.

A cooperative effort between the Federal Government and private enterprise in the field of post-secondary education, Sallie Mae was formed to assist lenders in making educational loans available to a broad spectrum of students throughout the United States.

Sallie Mae is expected to be in operation in time to provide liquidity assistance this year, according to Edward A. Fox, president and chief executive officer of Sallie Mae.

Created by the 1972 Amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965, Sallie Mae will add support to the Guaranteed Student Loan Program (GSLP), which is a program of insurance by the U. S. Government and by States and non-profit private agencies. It is estimated by the Office of Education of HEW that approximately \$4.5 billion of insured student loans are currently outstanding.

From 1966 to 1972, Texas banks have loaned more than \$92.5 million to eligible students under the Guaranteed Student Loan Program. This represents slightly more than 2.6% of the national total. Nearly 94% of the guaranteed student loans outstanding in Texas, as of June 30, 1972, are guaranteed directly by the Federal Government.

Three-fourths of student loans

in Texas granted under the Government's Guaranteed Student Loan Program, during the fiscal years 1966 to 1972, have gone to students of families with adjusted annual incomes under \$6,000. Approximately 55% of these loans have been granted to male students and 45% to female students.

Since the inception of the Guaranteed Student Loan Program in 1965, the number and amount of student loans have shown steady growth. However, the volume of student loans has decreased in recent months due to factors which are hoped to be temporary. From approximately 48,000 loans made in fiscal 1966, aggregating over \$77 million in principal amount, figures increased to a total of over 1,250,000 loans made in fiscal 1972, aggregating over \$1.3 billion in principal amount.

From the beginning, however, the GSLP has been hampered by the problem of liquidity since there has not been any secondary market for student loans. Moreover, loan repayments often are deferred for relatively long and uncertain periods of time.

The Aggie GOURMET

By S. SHARIQ YOSUFZAI

In the past two weeks we have considered Greek and Japanese cuisine. The previous columns were of a comparative nature. Today, as is inevitable, the column turns to French cuisine.

The French have mastered the art of good eating as no other nationality has. Unfortunately for the student (who usually operates on a shoestring budget), a visit to a French restaurant can have disastrous effects on his pocketbook. There are no authentic French restaurants in Bryan College Station, so once again the column travels to Houston.

The restaurant Ari's Grenoville advertises itself as the "best French restaurant in Houston." While that statement is quite disputable, the prices at Ari's are very reasonable. So while there are some more pretentious and pompous restaurants in Houston, Ari's has the fresh feeling of a sidewalk cafe in Paris. Ari's is located on the Westheimer restaurant row and can be clearly seen as it has a large patio for dining facing the street. Arrive at Ari's around 7:00 and try to sit outside as the inside gives one a feeling of claustrophobia.

To start off, order L'escargot or the French onion soup. For an entree, try the quiche de lorraine, the chateaubriand or the frog legs. To top off your meal order the cherry crepe flambe. This dessert arrives flaming at your table and

is a spectacular sight in addition to being a culinary delight. As a rule of thumb, white wine usually goes well with fish, lobster or other sea food while red wine goes well with beef. Keep in mind that red wine is usually not chilled, so you may be better off ordering white wine if you plan to visit Ari's before the summer is out. Dress very casually and stay home if it is raining as the inside portion of Ari's leaves much to be desired. The best thing about Ari's Grenoville is that it is quite inexpensive and at the same time provides good food.

Until next week, au revoir.

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